

1986

FREE & CHARGE FIREWOOD PROGRAM

USDA Forest Service Ashley National Forest

Hello, January 1, 1986

This year's firewood program on the Ashley National Forest is much the same as it was in 1985. We would like to share those regulations with you. We hope this information will explain our firewood program for 1986 and help you obtain your winter wood supply.

Most of your questions should be answered on this handout. If not please call us or visit a Ranger District office. We have opened enough wood cutting areas so that the supply will be sufficient for the demand during 1986. However, in the event that an area is depleted during the year, additional areas will be opened. Free and charge permits may be obtained for all the designated cutting areas of the forest at any Ranger District office. However, not all areas are open at the same time. Please check the specific dates on the firewood map for the areas you are interested in.

A variety of free and charge permits will be available. These are the choices you will have:

- All personal use charge firewood permits will cost a minimum of \$20. Each cord will be \$5.00. Households of \$20.00 minimum, you will have to purchase at least 4 cords. The maximum you may purchase is 20 cords per household per year at the \$5.00 per cord rate.
- There will be two firewood cutting areas designated on the Vernal and Roosevelt Ranger Districts specifically for the handicapped and senior citizens. Individuals that qualify for these areas must buy their special permits in person, and be present at the cutting areas with their permit when the wood is harvested. Senior citizens must be 62 years of age or older to qualify.
- In addition to the charge program, all Districts will have free use permits available. A maximum of 20 cords per household is permitted under the free use program. A household could obtain a total of 40 cords (20 charge and 20 free) if they had need for that much wood. However, it cannot be resold.

Permits will not be sold by mail. To get your permit you will have to obtain it in person at a District office.

A frequently asked question is, "Why does the Ashley National Forest designate areas when there is so much dead wood everywhere on the forest?" This question can best be answered by explaining what our firewood management objectives are on the forest:

1. First, we are trying to concentrate the firewood cutting in specific areas to reduce the amount of fuel there by creating fuel breaks for fire control purposes. This is especially necessary in the areas of mountain pine beetle infestation.

The Ashley National Forest needs help from all firewood cutters in order to accomplish this objective. Firewood cutting removes the large fuels (the pole and large branches, 3 inches in diameter and larger). These large fuels do not contribute significantly to the fire danger or how fast a wildfire burns. On the other hand, the fine fuels (the branches 3 inches in diameter and smaller and the needles) which are left on the forest floor after woodcutting, contribute tremendously to the fire danger. These fine fuels produce extreme fire behavior, which is difficult if not impossible to control. Consequently, the forest is requesting that all wood cutters please pile their slash that is within 100 feet of any road. This will greatly assist the forest crews in disposing of the slash. Those firewood harvest areas where we do not require piling will be posted. If all woodcutters pitch in and do their part the forest will be able to reach its objective of creating effective fuel breaks that will help protect your forest.

2. Our second objective is to promote natural regeneration of lodgepole pine. This is best accomplished by concentrating the woodcutting in specific areas. A systematic progression of cutting areas means that we can have faster natural regeneration by taking advantage of the seed still available in the dead and dying trees rather than hand planting small trees.

Another frequently asked question is, "Why is there a charge?" The money that is collected for each cord is kept in a fund to help pay for maintaining roads, administering and designating firewood areas, and cleaning up the slash that is not piled by wood cutters in the charge firewood harvesting areas.

Flaming Gorge (Manila), Vernal, and Duchesne Ranger Districts will be open on Saturdays during the summer months for purchase of firewood permits. If you are driving far on a weekend to pick up a permit, we suggest you call ahead to be sure that the District offices will be open.

Have an enjoyable and safe visit to the Ashley National Forest this year. Visit, call or write to any of the District offices if you need more information. The telephone numbers and addresses are listed in this handout.

Sincerely,

Duane G. Tucker

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Forest Supervisor

FIREWOOD CUTTING CONDITIONS

1. DO YOU HAVE YOUR PERMIT? The firewood cutting permit (charge or free) must be in your possession at all times when cutting and transporting firewood on the Ashley National Forest. Prior to transporting your wood you must mark the amount of cords in your load and the date of transport on your permit. Do not forget a pen or pencil when going to cut firewood.
2. DO YOU HAVE A SPARK ARRESTER FOR YOUR CHAINSAW, A FIRE EXTINGUISHER, AND A SHOVEL? All chainsaws must be equipped with a spark arrester. New saws come with a baffie plate which has openings that are large enough to allow a match stick to pass through. An approved screen must be put in along with the baffie plate. It should be woven screen with a maximum opening size of .023 inches.
3. ARE YOU SAFE? Do not drop trees across roadways. Doing this is extremely dangerous and keeps other people from getting through.
4. HOW HIGH ARE YOU CUTTING YOUR STUMPS? Cut stumps no higher than 12 inches above ground level. Make sure the stump is flat on top.
5. ARE YOU CUTTING WHERE YOU SHOULD BE? The map on this handout shows you the areas where you can cut firewood on the Ashley National Forest. Some cutting areas may change and maps will be updated as that occurs. Firewood cutting areas will be designated with yellow signs with black lettering. Some areas will have boundaries marked with yellow paint. Never cut within a timber sale boundary, in campgrounds, near summer homes, or on log decks.
6. DID YOU PILE YOUR SLASH? The Ashley National Forest requires that you pile your slash that is within 100 feet of any road. Some areas will not require piling and will be posted at the site. Utilize all material to a 3-inch diameter.
7. ARE YOU CUTTING YOUR WOOD TO THE PROPER LENGTH? Under the charge or free use firewood permit, you may not transport material in lengths greater than 7 feet.
8. ARE YOU THE ONLY ONE USING YOUR WOOD? No exchanges. The selling or exchange of personal use (free or charge firewood) for any monetary value or service is illegal. Commercial permits can be bought for this purpose.
9. DID YOU PACK OUT YOUR TRASH? Remember to take home your oil cans, beverage cans, and other trash. Please keep the Ashley National Forest beautiful.
10. ARE YOU PROTECTING THE HOMES OF WILDLIFE? Save any tree with a wildlife tag. Save trees that are being used by birds for nesting.
11. ARE YOU PLANNING ON USING EQUIPMENT TO REMOVE YOUR PERSONAL USE FIREWOOD? Please check with the appropriate District office before using equipment in the woods to remove your personal use firewood. Prior approval is required.

WHERE YOU CAN OBTAIN INFORMATION AND YOUR PERMIT

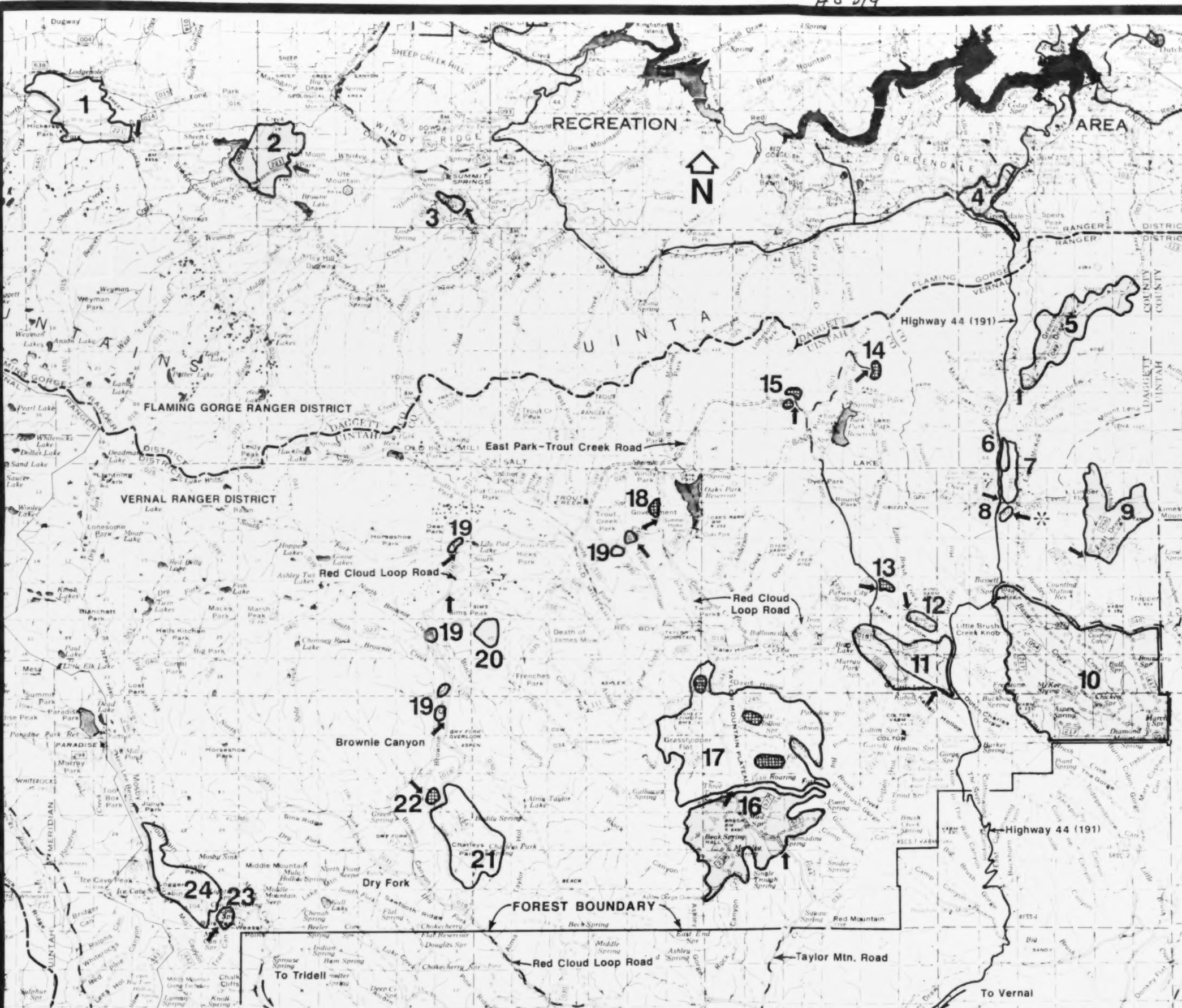
FLAMING GORGE RANGER DISTRICT (D-1)
Manila Office
PO Box 278
Manila, Utah 84046
(801) 784-5445 or 784-3445

ROOSEVELT RANGER DISTRICT (D-3)
West Highway 40
PO Box 338
Roosevelt, Utah 84066
(801) 722-5015

FLAMING GORGE RANGER DISTRICT (D-1)
Dutch John Office
PO Box 157
Dutch John, Utah 84023
(801) 885-3315 or 885-3325

DUCHESNE RANGER DISTRICT (D-4)
85 West Main
PO Box 1
Duchesne, Utah 84021
(801) 738-2482

VERNAL RANGER DISTRICT (D-2)
1690 West Highway 40
Vernal, Utah 84078
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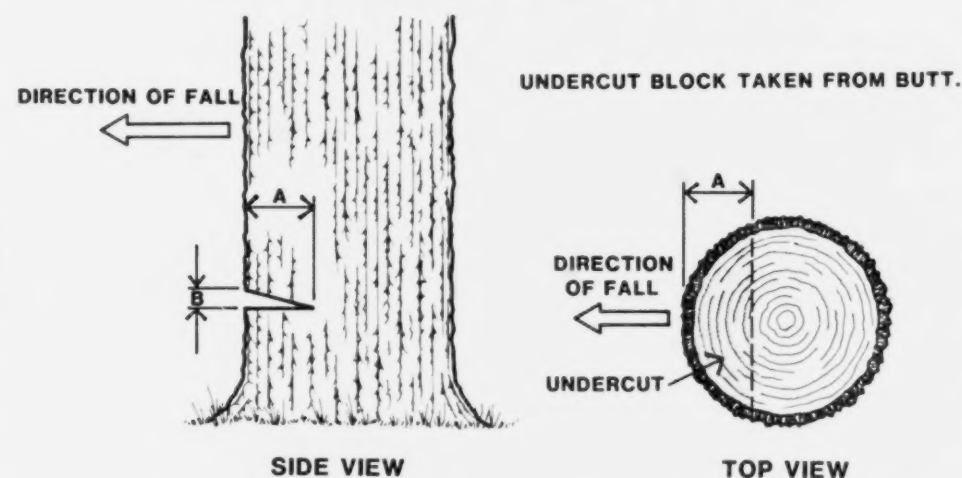


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THE PROPER AND SAFE WAY TO FALL A TREE

STEP 1 - UNDERCUT

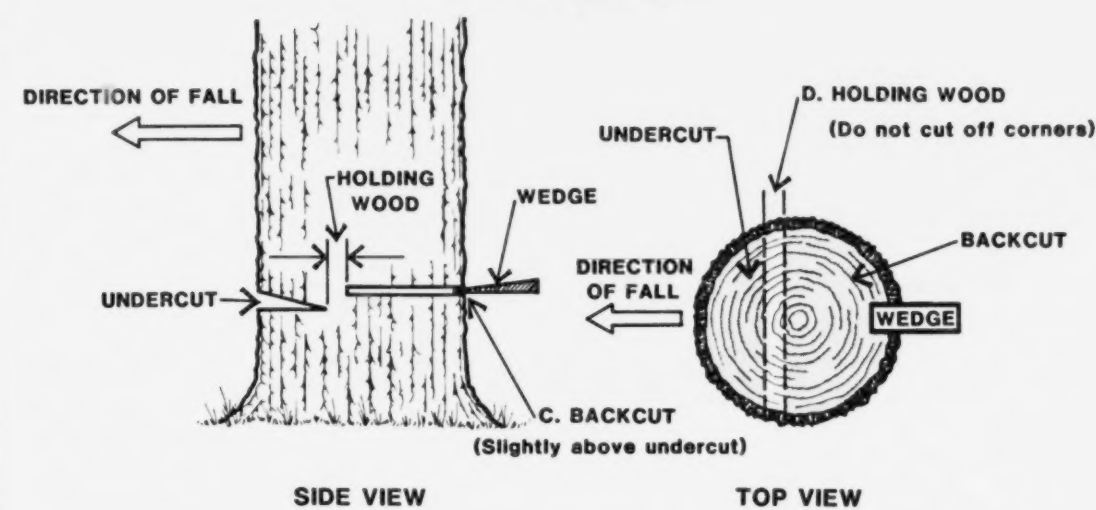
Select the desired direction of fall taking in consideration lean, surrounding trees, wind, road location, and other people in the area.



1. **The Undercut:** Properly sawn, the undercut will allow the tree to fall freely in its chosen direction. A clean, uniform undercut must be used on all trees. The following guide should be used:

- A As a minimum, the undercut should be one quarter of the tree's diameter.
- B As a minimum, the opening of the undercut should be one-third of the undercut's depth, or one inch vertical for every three inches horizontal.

STEP 2 - BACKCUT



2. **THE BACKCUT:** Sufficient holding wood must ALWAYS remain to maintain control of the tree so that it does not break, slip, or twist off the stump, and fall in any direction other than that intended—no matter how heavy the lean.

- C The backcut must be LEVEL and sawn-in slightly above the horizontal plane of the undercut to form an anti-kick-back step.
- D Care must be taken not to saw the corners off when side notching.

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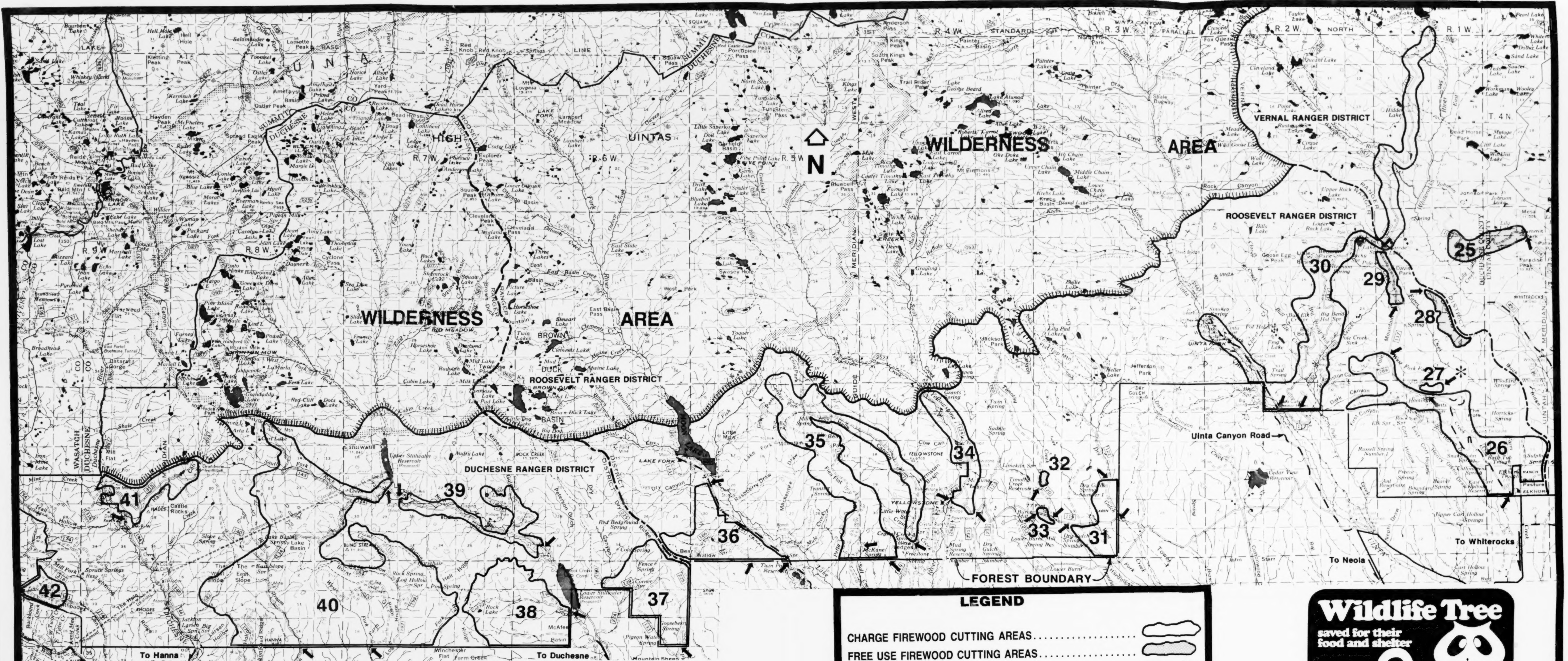
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- FREE USE FIREWOOD CUTTING AREAS.....
- SENIOR CITIZEN & HANDICAPPED CUTTING AREAS.....
- LOCATION OF "FIREWOOD CUTTING" SIGNS.....
- DESCRIPTION NUMBER OF CUTTING AREAS..... 1-25

DESCRIPTIONS OF CUTTING AREA, FLAMING GORGE AND VERNAL RANGER DISTRICTS

1. Hickerson Park, Charge Area, standing dead/down, June 1—November 30
2. Sheep Lake—Browne Lake, Free Use Area, fire killed standing dead/down, June 1—November 30
3. Scrapper Spring, Free Use Area, aspen live, aspen standing dead/down, June 1—November 30
4. Greendale Junction, Charge Area, standing dead/down, June 1—November 30
5. Greens Draw, Free Use Area, standing dead/down, June 1—November 30
6. Deerledge, Free Use Area, SLASH PILES ONLY, June 1—November 30
7. East Mokee Draw, Charge Area, standing dead/down, June 1—November 30
8. Snow Play, Charge Area, trees pre-felled, senior citizen and handicapped only. Special permit required, June 1—November 30
9. East Draw, Free Use Area, standing dead/down, June 1—November 30 (Note: not much wood available)
10. Diamond Mountain, Free Use Area, aspen live, aspen standing dead/down, June 1—November 30
11. Colton Junction, Free Use Area, standing dead/down, June 1—November 30
12. Kings Point, Free Use Area, SLASH PILES ONLY, June 1—November 30
13. Kane Hollow, Charge Area, trees pre-felled, limbed and topped, June 1—November 30
14. Lake Park, Charge Area, trees pre-felled, limbed and topped, June 1—September 30
15. East Park, Charge Area, trees pre-felled, limbed and topped, June 1—November 30
16. South Taylor Mountain, Free Use Area, aspen live, aspen standing dead/down, June 1—November 30
17. North Taylor Mountain, Charge Area, standing dead/down and trees pre-felled, June 1—November 30 (Caution: Timber sales occur within this area)
18. Windy Park, Charge Area, trees pre-felled, June 1—August 31
19. Red Cloud Loop, Free Use Area, SLASH PILES ONLY, June 1—November 30
20. Sims Peak, Free Use Area, DOWNED LOGGING SLASH ONLY, June 1—November 30
21. Charley's Park South, Charge Area, standing dead/down, June 1—November 30
22. Charley's Park North, Charge Area, trees pre-felled, June 1—November 30
23. Bill's Park, Free Use Area, aspen live, aspen standing dead/down, June 1—November 30
24. Mosby Mountain, Charge Area, standing dead/down, June 1—November 30

TO REPORT FIRES AND OTHER EMERGENCIES

UINTA BASIN INTERAGENCY FIRE CENTER
(801) 789-7021
200 South 400 East
Vernal, Utah 84078



DESCRIPTIONS OF CUTTING AREAS, ROOSEVELT AND DUCHESE RANGER DISTRICTS

25. Summit Park, Free Use Area, standing dead/dn, June 1—November 30
26. Farm Creek, Charge Area, standing dead/dn, January 1—December 31
- *27. North Homy Creek, senior citizen and handicapped only, special permit required, trees pre-felled, January 1—December 31
28. Buck Ridge, Free Use Area, standing dead/dn, January 1—December 31
29. Davis Park, Free Use Area, standing dead/dn, January 1—December 31
30. Uinta—Pole Creek—West Fork, Charge Area, standing dead/dn, January 1—December 31
31. Dry Gulch—Wash's Nipple—Hardinger Draw, Charge Area, standing dead/dn, January 1—December 31
32. Timothy Creek, Free Use Area, aspen live, aspen standing dead/dn, January 1—December 31
33. Flat—West Timothy, Free Use Area, down, January 1—December 31
34. Yellowstone, Charge Area, standing dead/dn, January 1—December 31
35. Hells Canyon—Petty Mountain, Charge Area, standing dead/dn, January 1—December 31
36. Lake Fork, Bear Willow, Charge Area, standing dead/dn, January 1—December 31
37. Pigeon Water, Charge Area, standing dead/dn, January 1—December 31
38. McAfee Basin, Charge Area, standing dead/dn, May 1—November 30
39. Rock Creek, Charge Area, standing dead/dn, Memorial Day to Labor Day and regular deer hunt (as per closure order)
40. Blind Stream—Log Hollow—South Fork Rock Creek, Charge Area, standing dead/dn, May 1—November 30
41. Hades, Charge Area, standing dead/dn, May 1—November 30
42. Little Pond, Charge Area, standing dead/dn, January 1—December 31
43. South Unit, Charge Area, standing dead/dn, January 1—December 31
44. Horse Ridge, Free Use Area, aspen live, May 1—November 30
45. Right Fork Antelope, Free Use Area, green pinyon and juniper, January 1—December 31

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LOG DECKS ARE PRIVATE PROPERTY

Log decks are usually located along roads in active timber sale areas. These logs have been skidded and decked for hauling by the sale purchaser, and are NOT available for public use. DO NOT cut these log decks for firewood. Violators will be prosecuted.

COMMENTS-SUGGESTIONS

The Ashley National Forest would like to hear your comments or suggestions by letter or phone call about our firewood program.

FIREWOOD CUTTING AREA MAPS

CHARGE FIREWOOD—Wood that is reasonably accessible to the public; 20 cords may be purchased per year per household at \$5 per cord; the MINIMUM that may be purchased is \$20 (4 cords).

FREE FIREWOOD—Difficult-to-reach wood; 20 cords of free firewood are available per year per household.

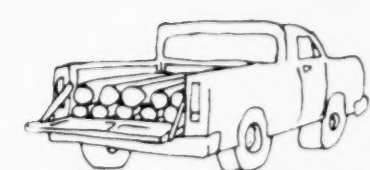
The total amount of personal-use firewood a household may obtain is 40 cords per year; 20 cords of personal use CHARGE and 20 cords of personal use FREE.



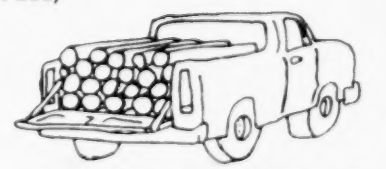
Standing, dead trees (snags) play a role in supporting wildlife populations in the forest. They are a source of food, nesting perches, and protective cover for many birds and mammals. Removal of snags for firewood purposes, must, therefore, be carefully managed.

Cutting and removal of any tree bearing this sign is prohibited.

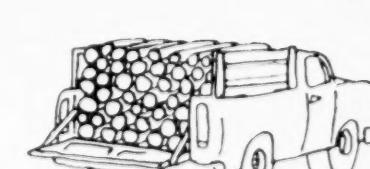
Measuring and Removing Firewood from the Forest



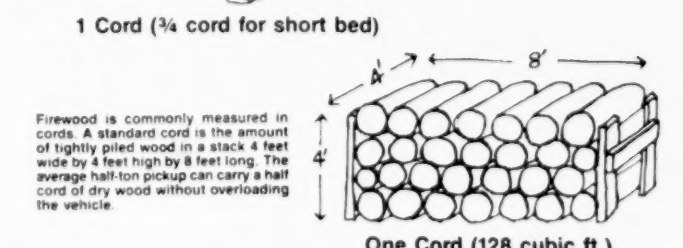
1/3 Cord (1/3 cord for short bed)



1/2 Cord (1/2 cord for short bed)



1 Cord (1 cord for short bed)



One Cord (128 cubic ft.)